THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—Sir, I beg to present the Report of the Select Committee on the Criminal Procedure Code Amendment Bill. The Report has been duly published in the Gazette and copies thereof have been circulated among the Members. I beg to move that the Report be taken up for consideration by the Council.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

Mr. Ananda Row.—I beg to propose that the word 'and' occurring in lines 3 and 4 of Section 1 of the Bill, may be changed into 'or'. This verbal amendment will make the wording of the Section accurate.

Seconded by Mr. N. Subramania Iyer.

Carried.

Mr. Ananda Row.—I beg to propose that Section 2 of the Bill be changed into Section 3 and the following be added as Section 2:—

"*Section 308, para 2.* Insert the words 'may be presented to such Subordinate Magistrate, or, if already presented to the District Magistrate', between the words 'class of appeals' and 'may be transferred', in line 5".

The amendment proposed is an important one, the idea being that the District Magistrate, when on circuit, may be in a position to order generally any Magistrate of the 1st Class subordinate to him, and empowered by Government to hear appeals from the sentences of Second and Third Class Magistrates, to take such appeals on his file and dispose of them according to law. Under the existing law, all appeals have to be presented to the District Magistrates, who may then transfer them to the 1st Class Magistrates. The proposed amendment will bring the Section into accord with the corresponding Section in the British Code.

Seconded by Mr. Padmanabha Iyer.

Carried.

President.—As the Bill is a short Amendent Bill, containing provisions similar to those in the British Code of Criminal Procedure, I think that it may be finally passed at this meeting, without deferring its final reading to a future meeting as usual.

Mr. Ananda Row.—I beg to move that the Bill be finally read and passed.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

THE FACTORIES BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—Sir, on behalf of Mr. K. P. Sankara Menon, who is not present, I beg to present the further Report of the Select Committee on the Factories Bill. The Members of the Council will remember that, when the first Report of the Select Committee on the Bill was considered by the Council at its meeting dated 30-11-08, it was resolved that the Bill as amended by the Council should be re-committed to the Select Committee, with instructions to go through it again. The Committee were also authorised to invite the opinions of the various interests affected by the Bill in the form in which it was then settled, and the Committee were required to submit their further Report. This Report, the Committee have now submitted. It was published in the Gazette for general information. I beg to move that the Report be taken up for consideration by the Council.

Seconded by Mr. N. Subramania Iyer.

Carried.

The Council considered the amendments suggested by the various factory owners and managers, as also the opinion of the Select Committee thereon. The Council concurred in all the recommendations made by the Committee.

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